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*Whereas, The Indiana Teacher of the Year program, the oldest and most prestigious state honors program focusing public attention on excellence in teaching, was founded in 1957;*

*Whereas, The Indiana Teacher of the Year is chosen from among the current Indiana District Teachers of the Year, who complete and submit an Indiana Teacher of the Year Portfolio to the Indiana Department of Education's Teacher of the Year Coordinator;*

*Whereas, Kathy Nimmer was named the 2015 Indiana Teacher of the Year by Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz on September 30, 2014;*

*Whereas, Kathy Nimmer, an English teacher, has been teaching at William Henry Harrison High School in West Lafayette for 22 years;*

*Whereas, Kathy Nimmer earned her bachelor's degree from Trinity Christian College and her master's degree from Purdue University;*

*Whereas, In recognition of her outstanding abilities, Kathy Nimmer has received numerous awards and recognitions throughout her career, including being named a National Board Certified Teacher, 2003, 2013; Tippecanoe School*



*Corporation Teacher of the Year, 2014; William Henry Harrison High School Teacher of the Year, 2013/14; TED Talk Presenter at TEDxPurdue, 2014; Lafayette Optimist Club Teacher Grant Winner, 2013; NBC "Student Success" Video Contest Winner, 2013; Ann DeCamp Creative Teaching Award, 2011; Alumni of the Year, Trinity Christian College, 2010; Durward K. McDaniels Ambassador Award, American Council for the Blind, 2009; Lilly Distinguished Fellow, 2009; Helen Keller Foundation International Memoir Competition, First Place, 2006; Olympic Torch Bearer, 1996. She will be Indiana's nominee for the 2015 National Teacher of the Year;*

*Whereas, Well aware of the difficulties of overcoming adversity because she is blind from a degenerative illness, Kathy Nimmer chose teaching as an occupation to have the opportunity to inspire people and give students joy; and*

*Whereas, Principal Allen Remaly describes Kathy as "an inspiration to both her students and fellow educators as she demonstrates how to overcome adversity every day. Inspired by educators that helped her overcome her own loss of sight, Kathy has dedicated her life to helping her students overcome their own difficulties": Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives  
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,  
the Senate concurring:*

1       SECTION 1. That, on behalf of the people of Indiana, the Indiana  
2       General Assembly congratulates Kathy Nimmer on being selected  
3       Indiana's Teacher of the Year for 2015.

4       SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
5       Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Kathy Nimmer and  
6       her family, William Henry Harrison High School Principal Allen  
7       Remaly, and Tippecanoe School Corporation Superintendent Dr. Scott  
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